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Request Processing in an  
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Environment

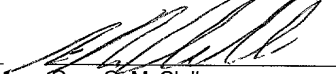
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Dear Sir:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC § 120**

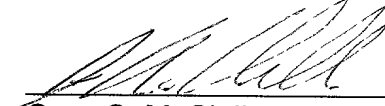
Applicants hereby claim priority to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/990,850, filed November 21, 2001, entitled "Efficient Method for Determining Record Based I/O on Top of Streaming Protocols."

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 09/990,850, filed November 21, 2001, entitled Efficient Method for Determining Record Based I/O on Top of Streaming Protocols. --

Respectfully submitted,

  
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